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To Whom This May Concern:

Keiser University is important to the community by providing quality education and workforce development, contributing to the local economy, and fostering community engagement. It also plays a vital role in addressing Florida's healthcare workforce needs, particularly with its significant production of nurses and allied health professionals. The university contributes to the local economy through its campuses, which have a substantial annual statewide economic impact. This includes job creation, both directly and indirectly, as well as the economic benefits of having a skilled workforce.

Keiser University actively engages with the community through various partnerships, events, and initiatives. This includes collaborations with local chambers of commerce, community organizations, and industry leaders. They also provide continuing education programs to benefit the local population. Keiser University has become a major producer of nurses and allied health professionals in Florida, addressing the growing healthcare workforce needs of the state. This is particularly crucial in areas like nursing, where the university has graduated a significant number of professionals.

Jupiter Medical Center has hired a number of RN graduates to start their nursing careers. Keiser has given them the proper tools and education to be successful in their new role.

Keiser University is also committed to supporting diverse populations, including students from various international locations and those from minority groups. They offer various programs and support services to ensure inclusivity and provide access to quality education for all.

The EASE Grant has made it financially possible for many of our team members to access quality education at Keiser University—an institution that is committed to career-focused, hands-on learning. The knowledge and professionalism these graduates bring to our organization have had a measurable impact on productivity, innovation, and patient/client satisfaction. Quite simply, the EASE Grant has helped open doors to opportunity while meeting critical workforce needs in our community.

Eliminating or reducing this grant would not only limit educational access for countless deserving students, but it would also hinder workforce development across multiple industries—healthcare, business, technology, and more. We need more trained, qualified professionals entering the job market, not fewer.

I respectfully urge lawmakers to maintain full funding of the EASE Grant and to recognize the long-term economic value it provides, not only to students and families but to Florida's workforce and employers like myself who depend on well-prepared graduates.

Sincerely,

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